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THIRD SESSION

1. ECOSOC'S COMITE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (CSTD) IS APPROACHING CONCLUSION ITS DEBATE ON "QUESTION OF CONVENING A UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY."

2. STATEMENTS BY VARIOUS DELS ON ABOVE AND RELATED ITEMS SUCH AS "INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY" AND "FORMULATION OF UNIFIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY WITHIN UN SYSTEM", HAVE REVEALED BROAD AGREEMENT ON BASIC PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE, ITS PREPARATORY PERIOD AND GENERAL FRAMEWORK.

3. US DEL HAS SOUGHT CONSENSUS THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD TAKE PLACE NOT LATER THAN 1980, THAT CSTD SHOULD FUNCTION AS PREPARATORY COMITE FOR THE CONFERENCE, THAT THE ADVISORY COMITE ON APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT (ACASTD) SHOULD PROVIDE NECESSARY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EXPERTISE.

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4. MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC) AND MEMBERS OF GROUP OF 77 HAVE SUBMITTED SEPARATE DRAFT RESES ON THE CONFERENCE FOR ADOPTION BY CSTD. MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO DRAFTS CONCERN THE ROLE TO BE ASSUMED BY THE UN SECT'S OFFICE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (OST) IN THE PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE.

5. PERTINENT PARA IN EEC DRAFT STATES: "CSTD REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ASSIGN TO THE OST THE TASK OF PREPARING THE CONFERENCE IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE IAEA AND OTHER ORGANS OF THE UN SYSTEM CONCERNED AS WELL AS WITH THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, AND TO STRENGTHEN, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, THE OST FOR THIS ADDITIONAL TASK."

6. GROUP OF 77 DRAFT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO OST. PERTINENT PARA STATES: "A SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE APPOINTED. AN INDEPENDENT SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED, HEADED BY A SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE, DRAWING IN A COORDINATED WAY ON THE CAPACITIES AND EXPERTISE AVAILABLE IN THE UN SYSTEM."

7. IN LINE WITH US POSITION THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE SHOULD MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UN SYSTEM, US DEL HAS MAINTAINED THAT OST SHOULD HAVE A SPECIAL SUPPORTING ROLE IN THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT. US DEL WILL JOINT INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE TWO GROUPS SPONSORING THE DRAFT RESES AND WILL PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS TO REACH ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE THAT WOULD RECOGNIZE SPECIAL ROLE FOR OST IN PREPARATION FOR CONFERENCE.
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